

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/833,996

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/12/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/833,996.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claims 1-10, the prior art of record fails to teach of each of the N encoders being adapted to synchronize the OFDM signals of frequency domains of the other encoders with a transmission frame to generate the OFDM signal of the frequency domain and each of the N encoders being adapted to include information on the connected transmission indicating whether the OFDM signal to be transmitted through the corresponding information channel is connected or unconnected to the OFDM signals to be transmitted through the other information channels in the OFDM signals before the connection. The closest reference, Fattouche et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,282,222) teaches of a transmitter, a multiplexer, an encoder, a frequency converter, a modulator, and an Inverse Fourier Transform section but fails to teach of each of the N encoders being adapted to synchronize the OFDM signals of frequency domains of the other encoders with a transmission frame to generate the OFDM signal of the frequency domain and each of the N encoders being adapted to include information on the connected transmission indicating whether the OFDM signal to be transmitted through the corresponding information channel is connected or unconnected to the OFDM signals to be transmitted through the other information channels in the OFDM signals before the connection. Additionally, Marchok et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,317), teaches of an encoder, a frequency converter, a multiplexer, and an Inverse Fourier Transform section but fails to teach of a transmitter and an orthogonal modulator for

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modulating the OFDM signal of the base band and each of the N encoders being adapted to synchronize the OFDM signals of frequency domains of the other encoders with a transmission frame to generate the OFDM signal of the frequency domain and each of the N encoders being adapted to include information on the connected transmission indicating whether the OFDM signal to be transmitted through the corresponding information channel is connected or unconnected to the OFDM signals to be transmitted through the other information channels in the OFDM signals before the connection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121
Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. 22202, Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

**4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Jamal A. Fox whose telephone number is (571) 272-
3143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.**

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone
numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)
872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9315 for After Final
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or
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